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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference CT-18909-PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

the international application as originally filed

the description:

pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

the claims:

pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

the drawings:

pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

the sequence listing part of the description:

pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language English which is

the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).

the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

contained in the international application in written form.

filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form

The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____

the claims, Nos. _____

the drawings, sheet _____

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed." and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item I and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-34	YES
	Claims	None	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-23, 34	YES
	Claims	24-33	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-34	YES
	Claims	None	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following documents:
D1 = KR 2000-58970 A

Claims 24-33 are a method and a system for constructing a multimedia database by indexing multimedia data, and a method and a system for providing a multimedia data search service using a multimedia database.

The said claims are related to 1)receiving the location information of each semantic unit, which is a smallest unit for searching for multimedia data, including a start point and an end point, 2)receiving a keyword for each semantic unit or extracting a keyword from each semantic unit of the multimedia data, 3)storing keywords together with their corresponding semantic unit's location information, 4) searching for a semantic unit of a selected search unit level having the same keyword as the input keyword.

D1, being regarded as closest prior art, discloses a method for providing and searching motion picture information to index all the items, comprised in one or a plurality of motion pictures, in keywords. All the information of items, such as figures, properties, music, sound, events, time, contents, explanation, etc., comprised in one or a plurality of motion pictures and all the lifetimes, a time period from the appearance of an item to disappearance of the item, are indexed. The term "Lifetime" is corresponding to the start point and the end point of the semantic unit in the present invention. D1 discloses the example of searching a scene or a time period including 'car' or 'motorcycle', which is corresponding to the search based on keywords in the present invention.

Therefore, the subject matter of claims 24-33 does not involve an inventive step.